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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection. No new matter has been added.

35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 4-13, 15-24, 26-29, 37-38, and 41 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Shavit. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 37 was amended to clarify that the routed message is addressed to the bridging device (for support, see, inter alia, paragraph 22). The other independent claims were also amended to include a bridging device with similar features. With this arrangement, a message is sent to an address associated with an intermediate recipient before the message is ultimately delivered to the intended recipient. For example, a laptop computer may service as a bridge device to form a bridged connection between a user's handheld computer and a LAN/WAN.

Shavit fails to describe a bridging device as recited in the claims. With Shavit, communications occur via networks. While these networks include intermediate routers and servers, such routers and service are not bridging devices, nor are

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messages addressed to such intermediate routers and servers. In particular, the pre-defined priority tables of Shavit provide a route or list of addresses of possible message destinations for contact of a sender (see, inter alia, Shavit par. 34). These tables do not suggest that any of these addresses are for bridging devices. The priority delivery of Shavit determines whether a user is available on a defined address using, for example, a home location register (see, inter alia, Shavit pars. 47-48, 54-55, and 62). This priority delivery does not suggest the routing of a message addressed to a bridging device to the user. Therefore, the claims, as amended, are novel.

Accordingly, the claims should be allowable.

Concluding Comments

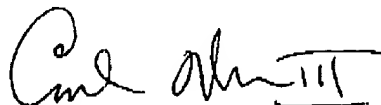
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

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claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,



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